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2021 Emission Inventory – GECO/CAERS Updates

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**2021 EI Point Source Emission Reporting
Training Webinar**
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TRAINING GOALS

- **Regulatory Info/Applicability of Emission Inventory**
- **Lessons learned in 2020EI submission**
- **New GECO features for the 2021 EI**
- **New Requirements for Fugitive Release Points**
- **HAPs Guidance**
- **What is CAERS**
- **Certifier and Preparer Information**
- **GECO EI Walkthrough**
- **EI Internal QA**
- **Resource Information**
- **Upcoming Training Opportunities/What's Next**
- **Questions**



EMISSION INVENTORY REGULATION/APPLICABILITY



EI REGULATORY BASIS

Regulations requiring GA EPD to collect an Emissions Inventory

- 1. Federal:** 40 CFR Part 51 - Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR) and the EPA Air Planning Agreement
- 2. State:** Georgia Rule 391-3-1-.02(6)(b)1.

States are required to annually report **actual** point source emissions data to EPA by **December 31st**. GA EPD requires participating facilities to report data by **June 30th**.



APPLICABILITY

All Part 70 Major Sources are subject.

- Exceptions include:
 - Permitted but not constructed
 - Federally Enforceable Permit Limit (e.g., Synthetic Minor or Major HAP sources)
 - Shutdown during the entire calendar year

2021 EI Year is an Annual Year

1. Annual thresholds are higher than Triennial Year thresholds
2. Thresholds are PTE-based

Annual Year PTE Thresholds	
Pollutant	(tons per year)
SO ₂	≥ 2500
VOC	≥ 250
NO _x	≥ 2500
CO	≥ 2500
Pb	--
Primary PM ₁₀	≥ 250
Primary PM _{2.5}	≥ 250
NH ₃	≥ 250



EI COLLECTION METHOD

- 1. Update Facility and Contact Information in Georgia Environmental Connections Online (GECO) EI**
 - 2021 GECO EI application launched on **February 1**
 - Update Preparer(s) and Certifier contact information
 - All facilities must have one Certifier to certify participation status in CAERS
 - Opting out facilities will be required to download Opt-out Form
- 2. Opt-in/Opt-out of 2021 EI via Combined Air Emissions Reporting System (CAERS)**
 - CAERS launched for the 2021 EI on February 2
 - New Users must register in CDX
 - Existing users can update any information if needed
 - Determines if your facility needs to participate
 - Applicability is based on potential emissions; reporting is based on actual emissions.

2021 EI should be submitted to GA EPD through CAERS by June 30, 2022



LESSONS LEARNED FROM 2020EI



CHALLENGES

CAERS EI is Constantly Evolving

- Agile Process
- Updates released in sprints

Common Issues

- GECO EI/users contact info not match with CAERS users info
- Data Quality
 - opted-out
 - control devices/paths
 - Inconsistent emissions

Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) emissions submission

- 12 facilities submitted HAPs in 2020 EI
- Submissions were not consistent between HAPs at CAERS and TRI
- HAPs pilot program to assist more facilities



LESSONS LEARNED FROM 2020 EI

- **Critical Errors when submitting EI data to EPA**
 - Unit/Process Operating Status Year
 - Operating – operating status year is unit/process start year
 - Temporarily/Permanently Shutdown – operating status year is unit/process's last EI submission year
 - If unit/process is operating one day in the year, it is considered operating for the EI year.
- **Control Device and Path**
 - Control path must have at least one device and one pollutant
 - Control device must have one pollutant
- **QA EI data**
 - Mass Balance and Engineering Judgement calculation method
 - Require calculation spreadsheet to assist QA
- **Extension request**
 - One week extension at a time
 - Require actions and finish corrections before the extended deadline
 - Compliance Engineers join the effort to speed up the final submission



WHAT'S NEW FOR GEICO 2021 EI APPLICATION?



NEW FOR 2021 EI REPORTING

- **CAERS User Role Information**
 - All facilities must submit Certifier and Preparer Information into GECO first
 - Opt-out facilities must have a certifier to certify opting out status
- **Opt-in/out at CAERS EI**
 - Download Opt-out Form from GECO first
 - Log into CAERS via CDX to work on Opt-in/out process
- **Opt-out Form**
 - Opt-out facilities need to provide additional details to support opt-out status via this form
 - Upload to CAERS
- **CAERS EI**
 - Fugitive Release Point – 2-D/3-D data requirements



NEW FOR 2021 GEICO EI APPLICATION

Emissions Inventory

[EI Home](#) [Historical Data](#)

Facilities whose potential emissions equal or exceed the threshold for reporting under the combined air emissions reporting system (CAERS) are required to report their emissions. Since the 2019 Emissions Inventory, Georgia has used the Combined Air Emissions Reporting System (CAERS) to report emissions. Starting in 2022, the new Emissions Inventory process will be as follows:

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[Link to EPA CDX](#)

- Facility and contact information now located on EI Application Home Page
- Historical Data can still be accessed via the second tab.

EI Application Home Page provides new information



NEW FOR 2021 GEEO EI APPLICATION

Starting in 2022, the new Emissions Inventory (EI) application will be available. **Click on blue links to update facility and contact information**

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Opt-out Form can be accessed here.



NEW FOR 2021EI REPORTING – OPT-OUT FORM

2021 Georgia Emission Inventory (EI) Opt-Out Form

Form Instructions: Light yellow cells indicate a drop-down list. Cells with an asterisk (*) are a required data. Upon completion, please upload this form into the Combined Air Emissions Reporting System (CAERS) as your opt-out justification.

Facility Information

Triennial/Annual EI Year?	Annual
AIRS Number*:	
Facility Name*:	
CAERS Preparer*:	
Preparer Email*:	
CAERS Certifier*:	
Certifier Email*:	
Date Submitted*:	

Opt-Out Justification

Operating Status

Permit number(s) applicable to Reporting Year*

*** If Operating but below potential to emit (PTE) emission thresholds, it is required to list PTE emissions below and select PTE emissions justification. Additionally, provide permit condition number and/or PTE emissions calculations submitted for the applicable permit listed above. Please attach the justifications on another tab in this workbook or upload to CAERS in another excel workbook. ***

Pollutant	PTE Emissions (tpy)	Select PTE emissions justification.	Annual EI Threshold (tpy)
VOC*			250
SO2*			2500
NOx*			2500
CO*			2500
Pb		Not applicable due to Annual EI Yea	n/a
PM10*			250
PM25*			250
NH3*			250

If temporarily shutdown, please indicate the dates below:

Temporarily shutdown date

Planned re-opening date

If permanently shutdown, please indicate when the facility shut down.

Permanently shutdown date

Is the facility colocated with another facility?

Colocated facility name

Colocated Facility AIRS NO.



2021 GEKO EI APPLICATION FLOW

- **Home Page**
 - List of facilities associated with your account
 - Click on the AIRS Number/Facility Name to access facility
- **Application Status Menu**
 - Summary of applications
 - Provides status and deadlines for each application
 - Click on “Emissions Inventory” to start 2021 EI
- **EI Home Page**
 - Summary of 2021 EI Process
 - Links so facility can update:
 - Facility information
 - Contact information (Preparer(s), Certifier, Emission Inventory, etc)
 - Opt-out Form download
 - Link to EPA CDX to connect to CAERS and determine EI participation



2021 CAERS EI OPT-IN/OUT PROCESS

- **Home Page**
 - List of facilities associated with your account
 - Click on the “Begin/Continue Reporting” to access facility to determine EI participation status
 - Access to “Request Access to a New Facility” if your facility is not listed
- **Facility Emissions Reports Menu**
 - Determine 2021 EI participation via “Create New Report”
 - Access to past emission reports
 - Access to Bulk Upload Template
- **Participation Questions to “Opt-in” or “Opt-out” via 2021 Report**
 - Did the facility operate any portion of the calendar year?
 - Did the facility meet or surpass the PTE emission thresholds?
 - Opt-out will require “Opt-out Form” downloaded from GECO EI



ADDITIONAL NEW FEATURES IN CAERS

- **Confidential Business Information Disclaimer**
- **Georgia specific announcement banner**
- **Report Creation Log shows facility what may have changed in the EI report generated for the current reporting year. Examples include:**
 - Permanently shutdown units, processes, release points, etc are removed
 - USEPA emission factors have been updated and thus emissions are recalculated
- **Additional Quality Checks for controls**
 - Ensures a pollutant is assigned
- **Fugitive Release Point – 2-D/3-D data requirements**
 - See Appendix B in CAERS User Guide V3 for more details.
- **CAERS User Guide V3**
 - Appendix D – CAERS Submission Checklist

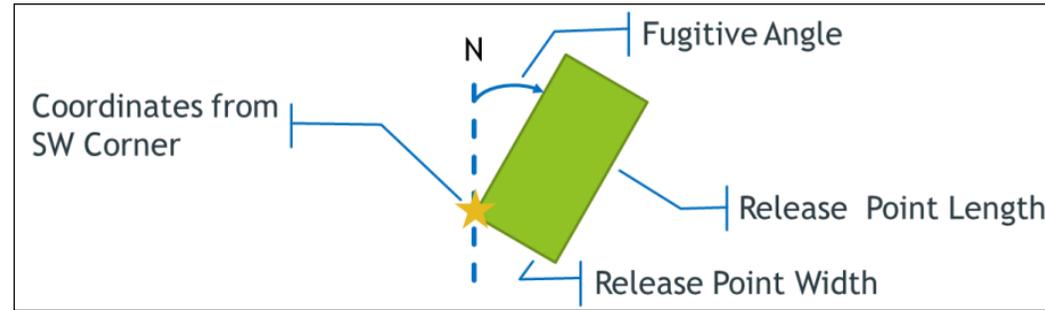


NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR FUGITIVE RELEASE POINTS



NEW FOR 2021EI REPORTING – FUGITIVE RELEASE POINTS

Fugitive – Area



Latitude/Longitude from Southwest corner of the facility blueprint.

Requires height, length, width, and angle.

Release Point Information			
Release Point ID:*	FUGArea	Operating Status:*	Operating
Release Point Description:		Operating Status Year:	2021
Release Point Type:*	Fugitive Area: SW Corner Coords	Fence Line Distance Measure:	FT
SW Corner Latitude Measure:	30	SW Corner Longitude Measure:	-84
Exit Gas Velocity Measure:		Exit Gas Velocity UoM:	
Exit Gas Flow Rate Measure:		Exit Gas Flow Rate UoM:	
Fugitive Height Measure:	400 FT	Fugitive Angle Measure (degrees azimuth):	45
Fugitive Length Measure:	20 FT	Fugitive Width Measure:	30 FT

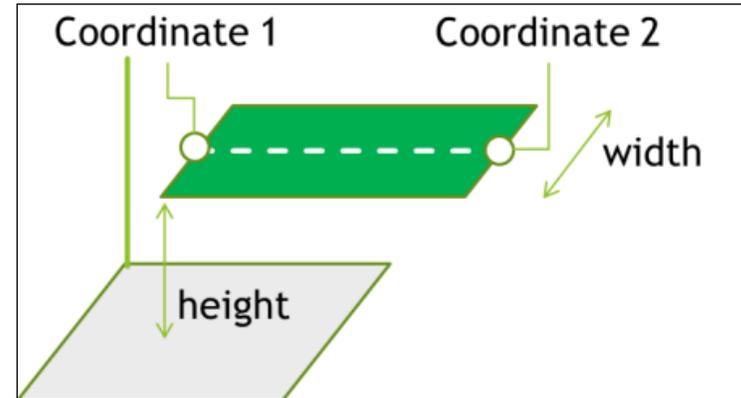
See Appendix B: Types of Fugitive Release Points of CAERS Guide 3.0 for more information.



NEW FOR 2021EI REPORTING – FUGITIVE RELEASE POINTS

2-Dimensional Fugitive Release Points

- The 2 set of coordinates represent the length measurement of fugitive area option



Latitude/Longitude of the midpoints of opposing sides of source.

Requires height and width of release.

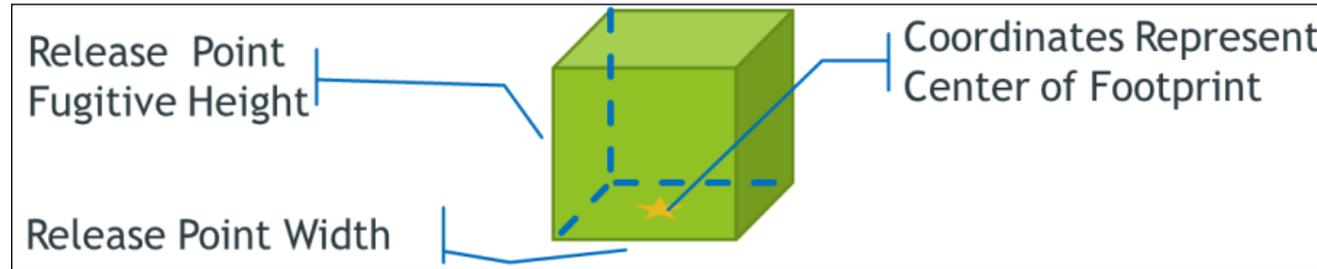
Release Point Information			
Release Point ID:*	FUG2D	Operating Status:*	Operating
Release Point Description:		Operating Status Year:	2021
Release Point Type:*	Fugitive 2-D: Two Midpoint Coord P	Fence Line Distance Measure:	FT
Mid Point 1 Latitude Measure:*	30	Mid Point 1 Longitude Measure:*	-84
Mid Point 2 Latitude Measure:*	30.001	Mid Point 2 Longitude Measure:*	-84.001
Exit Gas Velocity Measure:		Exit Gas Velocity UoM:	
Exit Gas Flow Rate Measure:		Exit Gas Flow Rate UoM:	
Fugitive Height Measure:*	400	Fugitive Angle Measure (degrees azimuth):	
Fugitive Width Measure:*	30		

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NEW FOR 2021EI REPORTING – FUGITIVE RELEASE POINTS

Graphical Representation of 3-Dimensional Fugitive Release Points



Release Point Information			
Release Point ID:*	FUG3D	Operating Status:*	Operating
Release Point Description:		Operating Status Year:	2021
Release Point Type:*	Fugitive 3-D: Center of Release Foot	Fence Line Distance Measure:	FT
Center Latitude Measure:*	30	Center Longitude Measure:*	-84
Exit Gas Velocity Measure:		Exit Gas Velocity UoM:	
Exit Gas Flow Rate Measure:		Exit Gas Flow Rate UoM:	
Fugitive Height Measure:*	400	FT	Fugitive Angle Measure (degrees azimuth):
Fugitive Width Measure:*	30	FT	

Latitude/Longitude of center point.

Requires height and width of release.

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HAPS GUIDANCE



HAPS PILOT PROGRAM

- Georgia EPD is considering recommending to the Board of Natural Resources that they adopt regulations requiring HAPs reporting.
- This year, we are forming a pilot program to provide more resources for facilities that wanted to voluntarily report HAPs this year.
- Participating in the pilot program will allow:
 - Access to training from EPD on how to report HAPs.
 - Input into future implementation and guidance process, including threshold information.
 - HAPs data reported to CAERS will pre-populate Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) air toxics emissions
- If your facility has HAPs emissions and interested in knowing more, send an email to emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov to with “HAPs Pilot Program” as the subject.



HAPS GUIDANCE

HAPs can be reported in CAERS just like CAPS.

Emissions Associated with this Process

Pollutant Name	Code	CAS ID	
Acrolein	107028	107-02-8	
Aniline	62533	62-53-3	
Benzene	71432	71-43-2	
Carbon Disulfide	75150	75-15-0	
PM Condensable	PM-CON		
PM10 Filterable	PM10-FIL		
PM2.5 Filterable	PM25-FIL		
Phenol	108952	108-95-2	
Styrene	100425	100-42-5	
Toluene	108883	108-88-3	
Volatile Organic Compounds	VOC		

Form fields for reporting HAPs:

- Pollutant:** sty
- Pollutant Code:** [empty]
- Pollutant Name:** Styrene - 100425 - 100-42-5 (selected), Styrene Oxide - 96093 - 96-09-3
- CAS ID:** [empty]
- Calculation Method:** [dropdown]
- Emission Factor:** [input]
- Emission Factor Description:** [input]
- Emission Factor Numerator UoM:** [dropdown]
- Emission Factor Denominator UoM:** [dropdown]
- Overall Control %:** [input]
- Total Emissions:** [input]
- Emissions UoM:** [dropdown]
- I prefer to calculate the total emissions of this pollutant.



HAPS GUIDANCE

When a VOC or PM HAP is reported, it **should** also be included in the corresponding CAP total. Total HAP cannot not exceed CAP total.

Pollutant	Type	Fugitive Amount	Stack Amount	Units of Measure	2021 Reported Emissions	Previous Year Reported Emissions	Previous Submittal Year
1,3-Butadiene	HAP	0	0.01777006	Tons	0.01777006	None Reported	
Arsenic	HAP	0	0.00000935	Tons	0.00000935	None Reported	
Carbon Monoxide	CAP	0	3.92528	Tons	3.92528	None Reported	
Chromium	HAP	0	0.00006542	Tons	0.00006542	None Reported	
Dibenzofuran	HAP	0	0.00041084	Tons	0.00041084	None Reported	
Ethyl Benzene	HAP	0	0.13070006	Tons	0.13070006	None Reported	
Hexane	HAP	0	0.8813095	Tons	0.8813095	None Reported	
Lead	CAP	0	0.00002336	Tons	0.00002336	None Reported	
Mercury	HAP	0	0.00001215	Tons	0.00001215	None Reported	
Naphthalene	HAP	0	0.03418941	Tons	0.03418941	None Reported	
Nitrogen Oxides	CAP	0	4.67295	Tons	4.67295	None Reported	
o-Xylene	HAP	0	0.51058746	Tons	0.51058746	None Reported	
Phenol	HAP	0	0.03654564	Tons	0.03654564	None Reported	
PM Condensable	CAP	0	0.91266219	Tons	0.91266219	None Reported	
PM10 Filterable	CAP	0	1.02334769	Tons	1.02334769	None Reported	
PM2.5 Filterable	CAP	0	0.64630429	Tons	0.64630429	None Reported	
Styrene	HAP	0	2.26455793	Tons	2.26455793	None Reported	
Sulfur Dioxide	CAP	0	0.0280377	Tons	0.0280377	None Reported	
Toluene	HAP	0	0.61990904	Tons	0.61990904	None Reported	
Volatile Organic Compounds	CAP	0	57.940939	Tons	57.940939	None Reported	
Total Emissions (Tons)	--	--	--	--	73.64561109	0	--

VOC HAP
PM HAP

Total PM

Total VOC

Total VOC (57.94 tons) ≥ Total HAP VOC (4.50 tons) ✓
Total PM10 (1.02 tons) ≥ Total PM HAP (0.00017 tons) ✓

Note: HAP emissions should match what is reported to TRI.



WHAT IS CAERS?



WHAT IS CAERS?

CAERS (Combined Air Emissions Reporting System) is an application that allows industry from subscribed State, Local, or Tribal authorities (or SLTs) to report their air emissions.

This allows:

- SLT's to meet specific air emissions reporting requirements
- Annual or triennial reporting to meet the requirements of the Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR) rule
- Facilities are recommended to voluntarily report HAPs emissions at process level which could be used to pre-populate Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) air toxics emissions.
 - TRI data must still be completed and certified in TRI-MEweb
 - EPD is continuously encouraging facilities to submit HAPs emissions to CAERS



CAERS USER ROLES

Preparer

- **Is authorized to determine EI participation via CAERS and/or prepare an emissions report for a facility** (e.g., consultant, staff person working for the facility).
- **A facility can have multiple preparers** (each with an individual account associated with the facility).
 - If submitting HAPs data for TRI within CAERS, this could include the TRI preparer.
- **A single preparer can be associated with more than one facility** (an individual account associated with several facilities).
- **A preparer does not fulfill the same role as the Certifier**
 - Not authorized to certify opt-out status
 - Not authorized to certify and submit the report on behalf of the facility



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Certifier

- **Can determine EI participation status via CAERS and/or prepare the emissions report**
- **Is authorized to certify the emissions report or opting out of the EI to meet your legal obligation for reporting to your SLT.**
- **Only one Certifier for a facility.**
- **A single Certifier can have multiple facilities** (multiple facilities associated with the certifier account).
- **The Certifier can also be a preparer** (only one CAERS account needed).
- **Total toxics air emissions are made available for TRI-MEweb once the facility has certified the report in CAERS.** Note: CAERS certification is not a certification of the TRI submission. Toxics air data are certified in TRI-MEweb, not CAERS.



GECO EI APPLICATION WALKTHROUGH



SIGNING IN

The screenshot shows the GECO website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the Georgia logo and the text "Georgia Environmental Connections Online". To the right of the header are links for "Contact", "Register", and "Sign In". The "Register" link is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points from a text box below to it. Below the header, there is a light blue box containing the URL <https://geco.gaepd.org/>. Below that is another light blue box with the text "Have an account? Sign in." Below the URL and sign-in text is a paragraph of introductory text: "Georgia Environmental Connections Online ('GECO') is an online service allowing public access to various Georgia Air Protection Branch applications. You must be a registered user to access the online applications." Below this text are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Register". A light blue box with the text "Need an account? Click the Register button to create an account" is positioned over the "Register" button. Below the buttons are three sections: "Event Registration", "Emissions Inventory", and a partially visible section for "National Emissions Inventory".

Georgia Environmental Connections Online Contact **Register** Sign In

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Welcome to GECO Have an account? Sign in.

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Event Registration

The GECO site is used to register for classes, workshops, and other events hosted by Georgia EPD. You may view the [upcoming events](#), but a GECO account is required to register for any event.

Emissions Inventory

The [National Emissions Inventory](#) (NEI) is a detailed estimate compiled by the US EPA of air emissions that include criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollutants from air emissions sources. Emissions inventory data for all Part 70



ACCESS TO YOUR FACILITY (1)

Connections Online

GECO Home

Georgia Environmental Connections Online ("GECO") is an online application for Georgia Air Protection Branch applications.

You have access to work on the following facilities:

Facility Name	AIRS Number	Admin Access	Permit Fees	Emissions Inventory	Emissions Statement
Brunswick Cellulose LLC	127-00003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Durango-Georgia Paper Company	039-00001	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GEORGIA POWER CO. - PLANT MCDONOUGH- ATKINSON	067-00003	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Request access to a facility					

GECO News and Events

Returning users – Once signed in, you should see your facilities listed and the EI box checked. Click on “Facility Name” to access the EI application.

New Users – Request access to your facility using the hyper link on the home page.



ACCESS TO YOUR FACILITY (2)

 **Georgia Environmental Connections Online** Contact Account

GECO Facility Access Request

To begin, find the facility by AIRS number or name and select the type of access requested.

By AIRS Number (without dashes) **By Facility Name**

GECO Access Type Requested *(Select all that apply.)*

- Facility Access
- Permit Fees
- Emissions Inventory
- Emissions Statement

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Type in AIRS # or Facility Name as it appears in your most recent permit.

Make sure to select “Emissions Inventory”.



APPLICATION STATUS MENU

Current facility:
Durango-Georgia Paper Company, St. Marys
AIRS Number: 039-00001

[Switch facility](#) [Facility home](#)

[Home](#) [Facility Info](#) [User Access](#) [Communication Preferences](#)

Facility Home

GECO Applications	Current Status
Permits & Application Fees	0 open permit applications.
Annual/Emissions Fees	In Progress - Please Complete the Fees for 2019 on July 28, 2020. <i>Due: September 1, 2020</i>
Fees Summary	
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Test Notifications	No pending test notifications.

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EI HOME PAGE

Emissions Inventory

Historical Emission Inventory Data – data up to 2018 available on the GECO website. EI data from 2019 to present will be available in CAERS.

Historical Data

Facilities whose potential emissions equal or exceed the thresholds must report their actual emissions. For assistance with calculating PTE, please use the [Potential to Emit Guidelines](#). Since the *Combined Air Emissions Reporting System* (CAERS) developed by U.S. EPA

Starting in 2022, the new Emissions Inventory process will be as follows:

Step 1: Verify facility information

1. Based on previously available information, the Georgia Air Protection Branch will enroll facilities that may need to participate in the Emissions Inventory. (If your facility has not been enrolled, but you believe it should be participating in the EI, please email emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov.)
2. Review basic [Facility Information](#) below and update as needed. Update the [CAERS Users](#) below. Please ensure [all other contact information](#) is correct.

For users new to CDX and CAERS, please be aware of the following roles:

Step 2: Step 2: Verify or add your preparer(s) and certifier information.

Step 3: Verify any other contact information.



FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility Information

Description Kraft Pulp Mill

Operating Status Operating as reported in 2020
* Operating status pertains only to Emissions Inventory

NAICS Code 322130 - Paperboard Mills

Site Address 4244 International Parkway Suite 120-test
ATLANTA, GA 30354

Geocoordinates 30.805990, -81.524999



Step 1: Verify facility information

[Open map in new window](#)

[Edit Facility Information](#)

Current facility:
Durango-Georgia Paper Company, St. Marys
AIRS Number: 039-00001

Edit EI Facility Information

Name and Address

If the facility name or address are incorrect, please email emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov.

Name Durango-Georgia Paper Company

Site Address 4244 International Parkway Suite 120-test
ATLANTA, GA 30354

Please contact us for name/address issue(s).

Facility Description

Description

NAICS Code

Description Comment

Geographic Coordinates

Facility latitude/longitude must be located at the center of the production area.



EI CONTACT INFORMATION – CAERS

CAERS Users

Use of CAERS requires one certifier and one or as both.

Current CAERS Users

None.

[Edit CAERS Users](#)

Step 2: Verify or add your preparer(s) and certifier information. Note that you can change users at any time.

Click to save and continue.

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CAERS Users

Use of CAERS requires only one certifier and at least one preparer (multiple preparers are permitted). If a single person serves both roles, they must be added as both.

A certifier has not been added. Use of CAERS requires one certifier.

A preparer has not been added. Use of CAERS requires at least one preparer.

Add New User

CAERS Role Preparer Certifier Both

Honorific

First Name

Last Name

Title

Company

Mailing Address

City

State

Postal Code

Phone Number

Email

[Save](#)

Current CAERS Users

None.

If a single person serves both roles, they must be added as preparer and certifier.



EI CONTACT INFORMATION – CAERS

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CAERS Users

Use of CAERS requires only one certifier and at least one preparer (multiple preparers are permitted). If a single person serves both roles, they must be added as both.

Current CAERS Users

Role	User	Address	Email	Phone	Controls
Certifier	Ms Maria Geonczy	4244 International Pkwy Suite 120 Atlanta, GA 30354	emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov		Edit Delete
Preparer	Ms Maria Geonczy	4244 International Pkwy Suite 120 Atlanta, GA 30354	emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov		Edit Delete

[Add New CAERS User](#)

Add additional preparers.

Modify current users.



EI CONTACT INFORMATION – OTHER

Starting in 2022, the new Emissions

1. Based on previously available information, participants in the Emissions Inventory participating in the EI, please enter the following information:
 2. Review basic Facility Information and other contact information is correct.

For users new to CDX and CAE:

- a. A preparer is authorized to update the Release Inventory (TRI) data.

Current facility: Durango-Georgia Paper Company, St. Marys
AIRS Number: 039-00001 Switch facility

Home Facility Info User Access **Communication Preferences**

Communication Preferences / Edit

Set your preferences for receiving communications from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Preferences can be set separately for each type of communication.

Edit Preferences for Emissions Inventory

Permit Fees
Permit Applications
Emissions Inventory
Emissions Statement
Testing and Monitoring

Primary Contact

Salutation	<input type="text" value="Mrs"/>	(“Ms.”, “Dr.”, etc.)
First Name	<input type="text" value="Jing"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Wang"/>	required
Title	<input type="text" value="Engineer"/>	
Organization	<input type="text"/>	
Street Address	<input type="text" value="4244 International Parkway Suite 120"/>	required
Apt / Suite / Other	<input type="text"/>	
City	<input type="text" value="ATLANTA"/>	required
State	<input type="text" value="GA"/>	required
Postal Code	<input type="text" value="30354"/>	required
Telephone Number	<input type="text" value="404-3636134"/>	required
Primary Contact Email	<input type="text" value="jing.wang@dnr.ga.gov"/>	required

Step 3: Verify any other contact information.



EI HOME PAGE – OPT-OUT FORM

access CAERS. Once in CAERS, select facility, then click on the "Create New Report" button for the 2021 EI Report. Prompts will help determine whether your facility will opt in or opt out.

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[Link to EPA CDX](#)

Download Opt-Out form if you believe your facility does not meet participation requirements.



OPT-OUT FORM (1)

2021 Georgia Emission Inventory (EI) Opt-Out Form	
Read Me	
<p>The instructions below cover the contents of the Opt-out Form on the next tab.</p> <p>*Light yellow cells indicate a drop-down list. Cells with an asterisk (*) is a required data field. Upon completion, please upload this form into the Combined Air Emissions Reporting System (CAERS) as your opt-out justification.</p>	
<p>Facility Information</p> <p>1. Triennial/Annual EI Year – The facility should select if it is an annual or triennial Emission Inventory (EI) year. Though, the appropriate year will most likely be pre-selected by Georgia APB. By selecting the type of EI year, the form will adjust the potential to emit (PTE) emission thresholds in the PTE emissions threshold table according to the year.</p> <p>2. AIRS Number – Enter the 8-digit AIRS number. The first three numbers indicate the county the facility is in and the last 5 digits are the facility number. Dash or no dash is allowed (123-45678 or 12345678)</p> <p>3. Facility Name – The facility name should match the latest permit.</p> <p>4. CAERS Preparer/Email – These fields do not need to be filled out if the facility does not need a preparer. Some facilities may have a Preparer who sets up the account in CAERS, answers the opt-out prompts in CAERS and fills out and uploads the Opt-out Form; and a Certifier who reviews everything and certifies the Opt-out selection. Other facilities may have the Certifier complete all tasks.</p> <p>5. CAERS Certifier/Email – All opt-out facilities will have a certifier so this field needs to be completed. See item 4 for an explanation.</p>	
<p>Opt-Out Justification</p> <p>7. Operating Status – The options are Operating, Closed/Dismantled, Temporarily Closed. The facility must be closed for the entirety of the EI reporting year to be considered the latter two statuses.</p> <p>8. Permit number(s) applicable to Reporting Year – The facility must acknowledge that PTE emissions correspond to the permit applicable to the EI reporting year. For example, a permit issued in January 2022 does not apply to the 2021 EI year. All amendments that have pertinent PTE emission data to the permit should be included.</p> <p>9. If Operating but below potential to emit (PTE) emission thresholds, it is required to list PTE emissions below and select PTE emissions justification. Additionally, provide permit condition number and/or PTE emissions calculations submitted for the applicable permit listed above. Please attach the justifications on another tab in this workbook or upload to CAERS in another excel workbook. – This section must be filled out if the facility operated at any point during the EI reporting year. Disregard if "Closed/Dismantled" or "Temporarily Closed." Attach supporting data in another tab or in another excel spreadsheet. Proof must be reproducible and referenced.</p> <p>10. PTE Emissions (tpy) / Select PTE emissions justification – These PTE emissions should not be recalculated anew for a new result. They should be either (1) the PTE emissions data that was used to compile the permit application or (2) the requested permit emission limit. For example, a permit condition can require the facility to never exceed 249 tpy. Once you enter the PTE emissions data for each pollutant, you'll select one of the following justification options. Resources are located under each type:</p> <p>a. Requested permit limit https://permitssearch.gaepd.org/</p> <p>b. PTE calculated for Title V application https://permitssearch.gaepd.org/ (permit narrative) https://gatv.gaepd.org/GATV/default.asp (Title V archive) https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx (GEOS Public Inquiry Portal)</p> <p>If you have a hard time locating your PTE emissions applicable for the EI reporting year, please contact your Stationary Source Permit or Compliance Engineer.</p> <p>11. Annual/Triennial EI Threshold (tpy) – This is determined by choosing EI reporting year type in the facility information section. These thresholds are from "Table 1 to Appendix A of Subpart A - Emission Thresholds by Pollutant for Treatment as Point Source Under 40 CFR 51.30"</p> <p>12. If temporarily shut down, please indicate the dates below: – The facility must be temporarily shut down prior to the emission inventory year to be able to opt out.</p> <p>a. Temporarily shutdown date b. Planned re-opening date</p> <p>13. If permanently shut down, please indicate when the facility shut down. – The facility must be shut down prior to the emission inventory year to be able to opt out.</p> <p>a. Permanently shut down date</p> <p>14. Is the facility collocated with another facility? – Select yes/no if facility is collocated with another facility. If so, provide name and AIRS number.</p> <p>a. Collocated facility name b. Collocated Facility AIRS NO.</p>	

Facility Information	
Triennial/Annual EI Year?	Annual
AIRS Number*	03900001
Facility Name*	Durango-Georgia Paper Company, St. Marys
CAERS Preparer*	Maria Geonczy
Preparer Email*	emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov
CAERS Certifier*	Maria Geonczy
Certifier Email*	emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov
Date Submitted*	Monday, February 7, 2022

Opt-Out Justification	
Operating Status	Operating
Permit number(s) applicable to Reporting Year*	2631-039-0001-V-07-0

* If Operating but below potential to emit (PTE) emission thresholds, it is required to list PTE emissions below and select PTE emissions justification. Additionally, provide permit condition number and/or PTE emissions calculations submitted for the applicable permit listed above. Please attach the justifications on another tab in this workbook or upload to CAERS in another excel workbook. *

Pollutant	PTE Emissions (tpy)	Select PTE emissions justification.	Annual EI Threshold (tpy)
VOC*	246	PTE calculated for Title V application	250
SO2*	2408	PTE calculated for Title V application	2500
NOx*	1919	PTE calculated for Title V application	2500
CO*	2000	Requested permit limit.	2500
Pb	--	Not applicable due to Annual EI Yea	n/a
PM10*	245	PTE calculated for Title V application	250
PM25*	175	PTE calculated for Title V application	250
NH3*	--		250

If temporarily shutdown, please indicate the dates below:

Temporarily shutdown date	n/a
Planned re-opening date	n/a

If permanently shutdown, please indicate when the facility shut down.

Permanently shutdown date	n/a
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Is the facility collocated with another facility?

	No
Collocated facility name	n/a
Collocated Facility AIRS NO.	n/a



OPT-OUT FORM (2)

Light yellow cells are drop-down lists.

Facility Information

Triennial/Annual EI Year? Annual

AIRS Number*: 03900001

Facility Name*: Duran...o-Georgia Paper Company, St. Marys

Preparer Name*: Maria Geonczy

Preparer Email*: emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov

CAERS Certifier*: Maria Geonczy

Certifier Email*: emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov

Date Submitted*: Monday, February 7, 2022

Operating Status

Operating Status: Operating

Permit number(s) applicable to Reporting Year*: 2631-039-0001-V-07-0

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Pollutant	PTE Emissions (tpy)	Select PTE emissions justification.	Annual EI Threshold (tpy)
VOC*	246	PTE calculated for Title V applicator	250
SO2*	2408	PTE calculated for Title V applicator	2500
NOx*	1919	PTE calculated for Title V applicator	2500
CO*	2000	Requested permit limit.	2500
Pb	--	Not applicable due to Annual EI Year	n/a
PM10*	245	PTE calculated for Title V applicator	250
PM25*	175	PTE calculated for Title V applicator	250
NH3*	--		250

If temporarily shutdown, please indicate the dates below:

Temporarily shutdown date: _____

Planned re-opening date: _____

If permanently shutdown, please indicate when:

Permanently shutdown date: _____

Operating

n/a

Operating

Closed/Dismantled

Temporarily Closed

Annual PTE Thresholds



OPT-OUT FORM (3)

* If Operating but below potential to emit (PTE) emission thresholds, it is required to list PTE emissions below and select PTE emissions justification. Additionally, provide permit condition number and/or PTE emissions calculations submitted for the applicable permit listed above. Please attach the justifications on another tab in this workbook or upload to CAERS in another excel workbook. *

Pollutant	PTE Emissions (tpy)	Select PTE emissions justification.	Annual EI Threshold (tpy)
VOC*	246	PTE calculated for Title V application	250
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NH3*	--		250

If temporarily shutdown, please indicate the dates below:

Temporarily shutdown date n/a

Planned re-opening date

If permanently shutdown, please indicate when the facility was permanently shutdown.

PTE should be the PTE emissions used to compile the permit that correlates the EI calendar year.

To determine the PTE submitted, the following sources can be found on the Georgia Emissions Inventory webpage:

- Permit and/or permit narrative
- Initial or renewal Title V applications
- PTE Guidelines

Please provide proof of PTE calculations or permit limit condition in workbook or upload in CAERS. (Excel files only.)



OPT-OUT FORM (4)

If facility was temporarily or permanently shut down during 2021 (e.g. January 20, 2021), the facility is considered operating for 2021 (unless below PTE thresholds). No operation can occur at any point during 2021 to be considered opted out.

CO	2000	Permit requested limit.	2500
PM10	245	PTE calculated for Title V application	250
PM25*	175	PTE calculated for Title V application	250
NH3*	--		250

If temporarily shutdown, please indicate the dates below:

Temporarily shutdown date

Planned re-opening date

If permanently shutdown, please indicate when the facility shut down.

Permanently shutdown date

Is the facility collocated with another facility? **No**

Collocated facility name

Collocated Facility AIRS NO.

Indicate if collocated with another facility. Provide collocated facility's name and AIRS number.



EI HOME PAGE – LINK TO CDX

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Link to EPA CDX

Click here to be directed to CDX to access participation prompts in CAERS.



LINK TO CDX LOG IN

The screenshot shows the EPA Central Data Exchange (CDX) website. The URL is https://cdx.epa.gov. The page features the EPA logo and navigation links: Home, About, Recent Announcements, Terms and Conditions, FAQ, and Help. The CDX logo and 'Central Data Exchange' text are prominent. A 'Contact Us' link is visible in the top right. A 'Log in to CDX' form is highlighted with a red box, containing fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', a 'Show Password' checkbox, and 'Log In' and 'Register with CDX' buttons. Below the form are links for 'Forgot your Password?', 'Forgot your User ID?', and 'Warning Notice and Privacy Policy'. A 'Welcome' section is at the bottom, providing a brief overview of the CDX's purpose.

Register/Update CAERS contact information

- CAERS opened in **February**
- Emails have been sent announcing that CAERS is open for 2021 EI data



CAERS – OPT OUT

MyFacilities > Emissions Reports CBI Disclaimer Help

Agency ID: 99999999
Facility Inc.
123 Main Street
Mytown, GA 12345
Agency: GADNR

Emission Reporting Opt-In

You are about to report facility emissions data for the 2021 Reporting Year.

Was this facility operating in 2021?

- Yes, Operating
- No, Temporarily Shutdown
- No, Permanently Shutdown

Facility Emissions Thresholds

Note that the thresholds below pertain to *potential emissions*, except for lead. The threshold for lead (Pb) is based on actual emissions.

Pollutant	Threshold (tpy)
VOC	250
SOx	2500
NOx	2500
CO	2500
PM10-PRI	250
PM25-PRI	250
NH3	250

Is the facility below ALL of the thresholds listed?

- Yes
- No

This facility will be "Operating" below the AERR thresholds for the 2021 inventory year and will not submit an emissions Inventory Report this year. You will now be redirected to the submission screen where you must provide your PTE analysis and certify your report.

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Opt out scenarios

- Operating but under thresholds
- Temporarily/Permanently Shutdown all of 2021

Statement that explains your selection and next steps.



CAERS – OPT OUT

My Facilities > Emissions Reports > 2021 Emissions Report CBI Disclaimer Help

Agency ID: 99999999
Facility Inc.
123 Main Street
Mytown, GA 12345
2021 Emissions Report
Agency: GADNR

Report Facility & Emissions Information Perform Quality Checks Submit to SLT Authority Approved by SLT Authority

Report Summary

Pollutant	Type	Fugitive Amount	Stack Amount	Units of Measure	2021 Reported Emissions	Previous Year Reported Emissions	Previous Submittal Year
Total Emissions (Tons)	--	--	--	--			--

Download Process Emissions Summary

Attach Report Document

Attach PTE analysis before you can certify your opt-out status.

Attach opt-out form and any other proof of PTE documentation (excel files only).

You must attach your Potential to Emit (PTE) analysis before you can certify and submit.

Certify and Submit to SLT



CAERS – OPT IN

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NH3	250

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 No

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Submit to begin 2021 EI.



GEORGIA INTERNAL QA CHECKS



GEORGIA INTERNAL QA CHECKS

- **Participation – Opt-out form will be reviewed.**
 - Verify Shut-down status
 - Verify PTE calculations or Permit conditions
- **Control units listed in CAERS are compared against permits**
- **Emissions Data**
 - Facility-wide CAP totals ≥ 100 tpy
 - Calculations for process level emissions data are checked for correctness and reproducibility
 - Facility-wide CAP totals increase/decrease of $>20\%$ from previous year
 - Reasons that the total emissions are increased or decreased $> 20\%$
- **Check to see if stack test data could be used**
- **EI vs. ES**
 - Actual NO_x and VOC emissions for the same year
- **Possible HAPs QA checks if reported**
 - Total HAPs emissions increased or decreased $>10\%$
 - The reason for such difference of total HAPs



RESOURCES AND NEXT STEPS



RESOURCES

- **GECO EI Application Training PowerPoint and Recording**

<https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-permits/air-protection-branch-forms-permits/air-emissions/submit-emissions-inventory>

- **CAERS User guide**

<https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-permits/air-protection-branch-forms-permits/air-emissions/submit-emissions-inventory>

Can also be accessed from within CAERS



- **Past EPA CAERS Webinar Recordings**

<https://www.epa.gov/e-enterprise/e-enterprise-combined-air-emissions-reporting-caer>



WHAT'S NEXT?

- **EPA Training (March – April)**

Please visit <https://geco.gaepd.org/EventRegistration/> to register the trainings.

- **CAERS EI User Interface:** March 23, 2022 (Wednesday) 1-3PM (ET)
- **CAERS EI Bulk Uploading Template:** March 30, 2022 (Wednesday) 1-3PM (ET)
- **CAERS EI Control Path:** April 13, 2022 (Wednesday) 1-3PM (ET)
- **Live Virtual Help Sessions (April – June)**
- **Create Video clips for common how-to questions**
- **Georgia EPD will QA the EI data as soon as it is submitted**
- **Georgia EPD might reach out to the facilities after June 30 or after we QA the EI data about the errors or data verifications**



THANK YOU

Your efforts are very appreciated, and you help us reach our goal of obtaining and maintaining accurate emissions inventories for the state of Georgia. Thank you for your patience, all the work that you do and cooperating with us to achieve this common goal!





QUESTIONS

**Contact us at:
emissions.inventory@dnr.ga.gov**

